

Operational call highlights  
March 6, 2009  
VA Grant/Per Diem Program

Announcements were as follows:

Inspections are due by the end of the month. Please accommodate medical center staff if they need to review your programs. Pay special attention to goals and objectives of the grant application.

NOFA for the capital grant has been announced. Applications are due by the 25<sup>th</sup> of March.

Transfers: There are no procedures for transferring veterans among the GPD Programs. However, if you believe that a veteran needs to be in another location to accommodate a course of treatment, work with your liaison.

HUD/VASH: The GPD Program office is not aware of the time line for the next round of vouchers. It was reported by a participant on the call that HUD stated at the Homeless Advisory Committee that the possibility exists that the next round will not be available until the first 10,000 have been used.

Special Needs: Programs provide additional services, based on the needs of sub-populations that are residents of GPD Programs. The NOFA announced this year is for those programs that already have Special Needs grants. The GPD Program is reviewing ways to continue this funding in the future.

Low-Income Housing: Public Law 110-387 gives VA authority to offer funding to organizations that provide permanent housing to veterans for services. This program is still in development.

Employee Background Checks: Several providers on the call state that they perform background checks on their employees. Although not required by their state (as reported by a Utah program), these background checks assist some organizations with the hiring process.

Next Call is scheduled for April 13; 3:00 Eastern Time. Call in number is 1-800-767-1750; access code 17663.